You can contact us to assist with needs such as:

- Information about the LGBT Support Group
- Information about Cross Sex Hormone Therapy
- LGBT Policies including directives and same-sex partner benefits
- Information regarding privacy and name changes within Computerized Patient Record System (CPRS)

LGBT Special Emphasis Coordinator:

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Resources:



National LGBT Crisis Line 1-888-843-4564

New Haven Pride Center

Phone: (203) 387-2252 nhglcc@gmail.com OR lgbtveterans@gmail.com www.newhavenpridecenter.org

Hartford Gay and Lesbian Health Collective

Phone: (860) 278-4163 https://www.hglhc.org

Triangle Community Center http://www.ctgay.org



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About Us:

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Special Emphasis Program is part of the Equal Employment Office. Employees are welcome to join our committee, which meets monthly to discuss upcoming events and activities.

Mission Statement:

Our mission is to provide education, advocacy, and support to meet the health care needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Veterans at VA Connecticut. We aim to create a welcoming environment for both LGBT Veterans and employees.





What We Do:

June Pride Month We will offer a variety of activities to celebrate LGBT Veterans and Staff, and to help increase awareness of VHA LGBT healthcare policies and resources.

LGBT Support Group Veterans are invited to participate in the LGBT support group. Enjoy a supportive environment and meet other LGBT Veterans. Please contact Speshal Walker, Ph.D., at (203) 710-6527 for more info.

Community Resources We can connect Veterans with LGBT resources in the community such as the Veterans group at the New Haven Pride Center, the Triangle Community Center, Hartford Gay and Lesbian Collective, etc.

Healthcare We offer assistance with getting your health care needs met at the VA.

VHA Policies & Directives:

VHA Directive 2013-003

Providing Health Care for Transgender and Intersex Veterans: VA provides health care for transgender patients, including those who present at various points on their transition from one gender to the next.

Healthcare System Policy 00-003

Patient Rights and Responsibilities: patients will not be subject to discrimination for any reason, inclusive of reasons for sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression.

Healthcare System Policy 11-005

Visitation rights: The hospital prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation, and gender identity or expression.

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Policy: VA will not tolerate discrimination or harassment on the basis of sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation.